

2.2.18 AIR QUALITY

The existing air quality in and surrounding the NCA is typical of undeveloped regions in the Western United States. Ambient pollutant levels are usually below or near measurable limits. Exceptions include high, short-term, localized concentrations of particulate matter (primarily windblown dust or smoke from wildland fires).

Objective

- To ensure that BLM management activities and land use authorizations conform to local, State and federal laws and regulations pertaining to air quality.

Air Quality Management

AIR-1: The NCA and wilderness areas will be managed as a Prevention of Significant Deterioration Class II area as designated by the Clean Air Act. All BLM actions and use authorizations will be designed or stipulated to protect air quality.

AIR-2: Site-specific project proposals affecting BLM and adjacent lands will be reviewed for compliance with existing air quality laws and policies. Mitigation will be incorporated into project proposals to reduce air quality degradation. Projects will be designed to minimize further degradation of existing air quality.

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